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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of each of the references was submitted to the Patent Office or was cited by the Examiner in the pending prior application Serial No. 09/539,828 filed March 31, 2000, which is a divisional of prior application Serial No. 09/132,633 filed August 11, 1998, which is being relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 (37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)).

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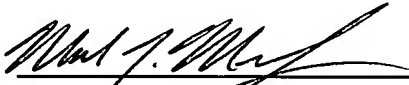
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